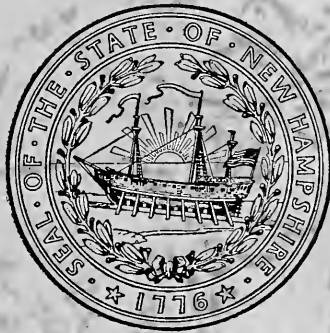


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of
DANBURY
New Hampshire



For the Fiscal Years Ending
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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

LAWRENCE CURREN

Town Clerk

RAYMOND E. GARDNER

Treasurer

STEPHEN J. FORD

Selectmen

FRED G. HOPPER CLINTON F. HUNTOON
HARRY O. SWETT

Collector of Taxes

DOROTHY M. HEATH

Representative to General Court

ROY K. SARGENT

Constable

LAWRENCE CURREN

Police Officer

CLARENCE E. FORD

Supervisors

LAWRENCE E. FORD FRANCIS CLEWS
EUGENE ALLEN

Health Officer

SELECTMEN

Library Trustees

RUTH PHELPS GLADYS TWOMEY
HARRIET G. MORRISON

Trustees of Trust Fund

Arthur W. JEWETT CLARENCE E. FORD
ROBERT FORD

Forest Fire Warden

CHARLES C. MORRISON, CHIEF

ROY K. SARGENT, ASS'T

Deputies

RAND C. FORD

REGINALD GLINES

School Board

ROY K. SARGENT

DAVID ARMSTRONG

EDNA F. POWERS

Fire Warden

FRANCIS O. SHELDON

Fence Viewers

HORACE M. HASTINGS CLARENCE A. FOWLER

Road Agent

GIFFORD N. WIGGIN

Auditors

RAY J. MARTIN

ROY K. SARGENT

Vol. Fire Department

IN CASE OF FIRE

CALL CENTRAL TEL. OPERATOR

Fire Commissioners

FRED C. HOPPER

FRANCIS O. SHELDON

RAY J. MARTIN

SYLVESTER C. PULVER

Chief

CLARENCE E. FORD

Captain

CHARLES C. MORRISON

Lieutenants

MAURICE E. WELLS

LAWRENCE CURREN

Clerk

JAMES FIFIELD

Moderator

GERALD WHEELER

Treasurer

FRANK CLEWS

TOWN WARRANT**The State of New Hampshire**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Danbury in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at The Town Hall in said Danbury on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance of highways.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$682.91 T.R.A. money and receive the State's contribution of \$4,552.71.
5. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the George Gamble Library.
6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Danbury Volunteer Fire Department.
7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for American Legion for Memorial Day.
8. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of cemeteries.
9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

10. To see if the Town will vote to give a discount on taxes.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding one-hundredth of one per cent ($1/100$ of 1%) of the net assessed valuation based on the assessment of 1954 for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural resources of the town, together with other towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region Association. (Est. \$44.72)

12. To see what action the Town will take on installing a signal at the depot crossing and appropriate money for the same.

13. To see what action the Town will take with regard to the remainder of the Smith bridge appropriation. — \$350.79.

14. To see what action the Town will take in regard to a new plow for the town truck and appropriate money for the same.

15. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty five.

CLINTON F. HUNTOON
HARRY O. SWETT

Selectmen of Danbury

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CLINTON F. HUNTOON
HARRY O. SWETT

Selectmen of Danbury

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the
Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and
Estimated Actual Estimated

| SOURCES OF REVENUE | Revenue Previous Yr. 1954 | Revenue Previous Yr. 1954 | Revenue Ensuing Yr. 1955 |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| From State: | | | |
| Interest and Dividends Tax | \$ 650.00 | \$ 537.30 | \$ 525.00 |
| Railroad Tax | 600.00 | 577.67 | 525.00 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 150.00 | 131.15 | 125.00 |
| For Fighting Forest Fires | | 8.24 | |
| Reimb. a/c Old Age Assistance | | 20.76 | |
| Duncan Fund | 3,504.95 | 3,504.95 | 3,500.00 |
| From Local Sources Except Taxes: | | | |
| Dog Licenses | 235.00 | 226.00 | 225.00 |
| Business Licenses, Permits, Filing Fees | | 8.50 | |
| Fines & Forfeits, Mun. Ct. | 20.63 | 20.63 | |
| Rent of Town Hall & Other Bldgs. | 10.00 | | |
| Interest Received on Taxes & Deposits | 150.00 | 263.44 | 250.00 |
| Dog License Penalties | | 13.00 | 10.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 1,500.00 | 1,683.20 | 1,600.00 |
| Sale of Town Property | | 125.01 | 50.00 |
| From Local Taxes Other Than | | | |
| Property Taxes: | | | |
| Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2 | 450.00 | 324.00 | 420.00 |
| National Bank Stock Taxes | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Total Revenues From All Sources | | | |
| Except Property Taxes | \$ 7,280.58 | \$ 7,453.85 | \$ 7,190.00 |
| Amt. To Be Raised By Prop. Taxes | | | 28,605.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | | \$ 35,795.00 |

DANBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Ensuing Year Jan. 1, 1955 to Dec. 31, 1955

Expenditures of the Previous Year Jan. 1, 1954 to Dec. 31, 1954

| | Appropriations | Actual Expenditures | Estimated Expenditures |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| PURPOSES of EXPENDITURES | Previous Year 1954 | tures Previous yr. 1954 | tures Ensuing yr. 1955 |
| Current Maintenance Expenses: | | | |
| General Government: | | | |
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 996.80 | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 800.00 | 736.50 | 900.00 |
| Election & Registration Expenses | 125.00 | 201.03 | 100.00 |
| Exp., Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs | 250.00 | 109.51 | 200.00 |
| Protection of Persons and Property: | | | |
| Police Department | 75.00 | 106.99 | 150.00 |
| Fire Department | 500.00 | 512.40 | 600.00 |
| Moth Exterm.-Blister Rust | 200.00 | 200.00 | |
| Insurance | | 243.25 | 150.00 |
| Health: | | | |
| Vital Statistics | 15.00 | 7.00 | 10.00 |
| Town Dump | 50.00 | 111.07 | 100.00 |
| Highways & Bridges: | | | |
| Town Maintenance—Summer | | 3,504.95 | 3,500.00 |
| Town Maintenance—Winter | 4,000.00 | 5,181.21 | 4,500.00 |
| Street Lighting | 750.00 | 757.02 | 760.00 |
| General Exp. of Highway Dept. | | 2,416.08 | |
| Town Road Aid | 771.06 | 771.06 | 750.00 |
| Libraries | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Public Welfare: | | | |
| Town Poor | 100.00 | 56.22 | 100.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 2,500.00 | 1,722.30 | 2,500.00 |
| Patriotic Purposes: | | | |
| Memorial Day & Vet's Assoc. | 75.00 | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| Public Service Enterprises: | | | |
| Cemeteries | 150.00 | 211.33 | 150.00 |
| Unclassified: | | | |
| Damages & Legal Exp. incl. dog damage | | 183.16 | 200.00 |
| Employees' Ret. & Social Security | 100.00 | 273.13 | 250.00 |
| Interest: | | | |

(Expenses carried to Page 9)

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the
Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and

| | Estimated Revenue Previous | Actual Revenue Previous | Estimated Revenue Ensuing |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| SOURCES OF REVENUE | | | |

DANBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

| PURPOSES of EXPENDITURES (Continued) | Appropriations Previous Year 1954 | Actual Expenditures Previous yr. 1954 | Estimated Expenditures During yr. 1955 |
|---|---|---|--|
|---|---|---|--|

(Expenses brought from Page 7)

Highways & Bridges:

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| On Temporary Loans | 200.00 | 237.99 | 250.00 |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|

| | | | |
|---------------|----------|----------|--|
| New Equipment | 2,186.00 | 2,186.00 | |
|---------------|----------|----------|--|

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Payment on Principal of Debt: | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

| | | | |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| County Taxes | 2,238.09 | 2,238.09 | 2,200.00 |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|

| | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| School Taxes | 15,837.22 | 13,293.57 | 16,000.00 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$ 33,272.37 | \$ 33,976.71 | \$ 35,795.00 |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1954

ITEM

| | Appropriations | Amount Available | Expenditures | Unexpended Balance | Overdrawn Balance |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 996.80 | \$ 303.20 | |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 800.00 | 800.00 | 736.50 | 63.50 | |
| Election and Registration | 125.00 | 125.00 | 201.03 | | \$ 76.03 |
| Town Hall & other buildings exp. | 250.00 | 250.00 | 109.51 | 140.49 | |
| Police Department | 75.00 | 75.00 | 106.99 | | 31.99 |
| Fire Department | 500.00 | 500.00 | 512.40 | | 12.40 |
| Blister Rust Control | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | | |
| Health Dept. including Hospitals | 50.00 | 50.00 | 111.07 | | 61.07 |
| Vital Statistics | 15.00 | 15.00 | 7.00 | 8.00 | |
| Town Maint. (Duncan money) | | 3,504.95 | 7,597.29 | | |
| Town Maintenance | 4,000.00 | 5,500.00 | | 1,407.66 | 7.02 |
| Street Lighting | 750.00 | 750.00 | 757.02 | | |
| Town Road Aid | 771.06 | 771.06 | 771.06 | | |
| Libraries | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | | |
| Town Poor | 100.00 | 100.00 | 56.22 | 43.78 | |
| Old Age Assistance | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 1,722.30 | 777.70 | |
| Cemeteries | 150.00 | 150.00 | 211.33 | | 61.33 |
| Social Security Retirement | 100.00 | 100.00 | 273.13 | | 173.13 |
| Interest on Temporary Loans | 200.00 | 200.00 | 237.99 | | 37.99 |
| County Tax | 2,238.09 | 2,238.09 | 2,238.09 | | |
| School Tax | 15,837.22 | 15,837.22 | 13,293.57 | 2,543.65 | |
| Payment on Grader | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | | |
| New Equipment | 2,186.00 | 2,186.00 | 2,186.00 | | |
| Insurance | | | 243.25 | | |
| | \$ 33,197.37 | \$ 38,202.32 | \$ 33,718.55 | \$ 5,287.98 | \$ 460.96 |

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF DANBURY 1954

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Lands & Buildings, exclusive of growing wood & timber | \$ 382,045.00 |
| Mature Wood & Timber | 4,940.00 |
| Electric Plants | 50,416.00 |
| Horses, 37 | 3,005.00 |
| Cows, 101 | 9,560.00 |
| Other Neat Stock, 22 | 1,340.00 |
| Sheep and Goats, 46 | 570.00 |
| Fowls, 3,330 | 3,330.00 |
| Portable Mills | 1,500.00 |
| Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 14 | 2,035.00 |
| Stock in Trade | 9,970.00 |
| <hr/> | |
| Total Gross Valuation before exemptions | \$ 468,711.00 |
| Less Soldiers' Exemptions | 21,520.00 |
| <hr/> | |
| Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed | \$ 447,191.00 |

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Appropriations:

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Town Officers salaries | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Town Officers' expenses | 800.00 |
| Social Security & Retirement | 100.00 |
| Election & Registration expenses | 125.00 |
| Town Hall & Bldgs maint. | 250.00 |
| Police Department | 75.00 |
| Fire Department | 500.00 |
| Blister Rust | 200.00 |
| Health Department | 50.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 15.00 |
| Town Road Aid | 771.06 |

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Town Maintenance | 4,000.00 |
| General Exp. of Highway Dept., Duncan Fund | 3,504.95 |
| Street Lighting | 750.00 |
| New Equipment | 2,186.00 |
| Libraries | 150.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 2,500.00 |
| Town Poor | 100.00 |
| Memorial - Old Home Day | 75.00 |
| Cemeteries | 150.00 |
| Payments on Debt: | |
| Principal | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Interest | 200.00 |
| | <hr/> 1,200.00 |
| County Tax | 2,238.09 |
| School Tax | 15,837.22 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Town & School Appropriations | \$ 36,777.32 |

Less: Estimated Revenues & Credits:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Interest & Dividends Tax | \$ 537.30 |
| Railroad Tax | 600.00 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 131.15 |
| Reimb. a/c exemp. growing wood & timber | 979.97 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 1,700.00 |
| Dog Licenses | 235.00 |
| Rent of Town Property & Equip. | 10.00 |
| Int. on Taxes & Inc. from trust funds | 150.00 |
| Sale of Tax Deeded Property | 50.00 |
| Other Revenue: | |
| Duncan Fund | 3,500.00 |
| Total Revenues & Credits | <hr/> 7,893.42 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 28,883.90 |
| Plus Overlay | 176.32 |
| | <hr/> |
| Net Amount to be raised by Taxation | \$ 29,060.22 |

| | | |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| Less: 215 Poll Taxes @ \$2 | \$ 430.00 | |
| National Bank Stock Taxes | 10.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 440.00 |
| Amount to be raised by property | | <hr/> |
| taxes on which tax rate is to be figured | | \$ 28,620.22 |
| Taxes to be Committed to Collector: | | |
| Property Taxes | | \$ 28,620.22 |
| Poll Taxes @ \$2 | | 430.00 |
| National Bank Stock Taxes | | 10.00 |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Taxes to be Committed | | \$ 29,060.22 |
| Tax Rate: | | |
| Town | | \$ 6.40 |

TOWN OF DANBURY

BALANCE

| <hr/> <hr/> | |
|--|--------------|
| Assets | |
| Cash | |
| In hands of treasurer | \$ 7,358.97 |
| Accounts Due to the Town— | |
| Due from State: | |
| Bounties | 200.50 |
| Due from County: | |
| County Poor | 54.76 |
| Other bills due Town: | |
| Rent on Town Property | 4.00 |
| Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale a/o) | |
| Levy of 1953 | 499.51 |
| Levy of 1952 | 6.60 |
| Previous Years | 9.35 |
| Uncollected Taxes: Levy of 1954 | 8,281.11 |
| State Head Taxes—Levy of 1954 | 225.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Assets | \$ 16,639.80 |
| Net Debt—Surplus, Dec. 31, 1953 | \$ 1,373.35 |
| Net Debt—Surplus, Dec. 31, 1954 | \$ 1,429.66 |

SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1954

| Liabilities | |
|--|--------------------|
| Accounts Owed by the Town: | |
| Bills outstanding | \$ 237.71 |
| Unexpended Bal. of Special Appropriations: | |
| Baptist Cemetery | 95.75 |
| Smith Bridge | 350.79 |
| Reserve a/c Future Yield Tax Loss | 414.17 |
| Due to State: | |
| State Head Taxes-1954 | |
| Uncollected | 225.00 |
| Collected-not remit. to state treas. | 549.50 |
| Due to Sch. Dist.: Balance of Appro. | 11,337.22 |
| Outstanding Temp. Loans in Ant. of Taxes: | |
| First Nat'l Bank, Bristol, Note No. 84, | |
| \$2,000., Dec. 15, 1955 | 2,000.00 |
| Total Liabilities | <hr/> \$ 15,210.14 |
| Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus) | 1,429.66 |
| Grand Total | <hr/> \$ 16,639.80 |

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

| Description | Value |
|--|--------------|
| Town Hall, and Equipment | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Library, Furniture and Equipment | 2,000.00 |
| Fire Department, Lands & Buildings | 1,200.00 |
| Equipment | 3,000.00 |
| Highway Department, Lands & Buildings | 1,500.00 |
| Equipment | 9,500.00 |
| Schools, Lands & Buildings | 6,000.00 |
| Lands & Buildings acquired through Tax | |
| Collector's deeds | |
| Angus Coro Lot | 100.00 |
| Waukeena Lot No. 81 | 40.00 |
| Schlegal or Barney Lot | 50.00 |
| Henry A. Smith Lot | 100.00 |
| Bog Bridge Lot | 100.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$ 25,590.00 |

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Received for Licensing:

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|
| 14 female dogs @ \$5 | \$ 70.00 | |
| 78 male dogs @ \$2 | 156.00 | |
| 26 penalties @ 50¢ | 13.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 239.00 |
| 11 - 1953 auto permits | \$ 12.82 | |
| 309 - 1954 auto permits | 1,670.38 | |
| Filing Fees | 6.00 | |
| Due Town on 1953 report | .70 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,689.90 |
| | | <hr/> |

Paid S. J. Ford, Treasurer

\$ 1,928.90

\$ 1,928.90

RAYMOND E. GARDNER,
Town Clerk

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,
ROY K. SARGENT,
Auditors

Jan. 21, 1955

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

State Head Tax — Levy of 1953

DEBITS:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Uncollected taxes as of Jan. 1, 1954 | \$ 235.00 |
| Penalties collected during 1954 | 23.50 |

| | |
|--------------|-----------|
| Total Debits | \$ 258.50 |
|--------------|-----------|

CREDITS:

Remittances to Treasurer during 1954:

| | |
|------------|-----------|
| Head Taxes | \$ 235.00 |
| Penalties | 23.50 |

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Total Credits | \$ 258.50 |
|---------------|-----------|

DOROTHY M. HEATH,
Tax Collector

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,
ROY K. SARGENT,
Auditors

Jan. 21, 1955

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

State Head Tax — Levy of 1954

DEBITS:

State Head Taxes committed to Collector:

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Original warrant | \$ 1,285.00 |
| Added taxes | 20.00 |
| Total Commitment | ————— \$ 1,305.00 |
| Penalties Collected | 5.00 |
| Total Debits | ————— \$ 1,310.00 |

CREDITS:

Remittances to Treasurer:

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Head taxes | \$ 1,080.00 |
| Penalties | 5.00 |
| Total Remittances | ————— \$ 1,085.00 |
| Uncollected Head Taxes, per collector's list | 225.00 |
| Total Credits | ————— \$ 1,310.00 |

DOROTHY M. HEATH,
Tax Collector.

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,
ROY K. SARGENT,
Auditors

Jan. 21, 1955

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Poll & Yield Taxes — Levy of 1953

DEBITS:

Uncollected taxes, Jan. 1, 1954:

| | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Property taxes | \$ 6,377.08 |
| Poll taxes | 96.00 |
| Yield taxes | 1,125.52 |
| | ————— \$ 7,598.60 |

Added Taxes:

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Property taxes | 5.50 |
| Poll taxes | 4.00 |
| Interest collected during 1954 | 250.50 |
| Total Debits | ————— \$ 7,858.60 |

CREDITS:

Remittances to Treasurer during 1954:

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Property taxes | \$ 5,856.69 |
| Poll taxes | 94.00 |
| Yield taxes | 1,071.85 |
| Land sold for taxes | 556.14 |
| Abatements | 29.42 |
| Interest | 250.50 |
| Total Credits | ————— \$ 7,858.60 |

DOROTHY M. HEATH,
Tax Collector.

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,
ROY K. SARGENT,
Auditors

Jan. 21, 1955

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Poll & Yield Taxes — Levy of 1954

DEBITS:

Taxes committed to collector:

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Property taxes | \$ 28,620.22 |
| Poll taxes | 430.00 |
| Nat'l bank stock tax | 10.00 |
| Total Warrant | ————— \$ 29,060.22 |
| Yield taxes | 1,086.19 |

Added taxes:

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Property taxes | 54.40 |
| Poll taxes | 14.00 |
| Interest collected | .34 |
| Total Debits | ————— \$ 30,215.15 |

CREDITS:

Remittances to treasurer:

| | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Property taxes | \$ 21,138.46 |
| Poll taxes | 328.00 |
| Nat'l bank stock tax | 10.00 |
| Yield taxes | 390.84 |
| Interest | .34 |
| Abatements | 66.40 |

Uncollected taxes as per collector's list:

| | |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Property taxes | 7,481.76 |
| Poll taxes | 104.00 |
| Yield taxes | 695.35 |
| Total Credits | ————— \$ 30,215.15 |

DOROTHY M. HEATH,
Tax Collector

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,
ROY K. SARGENT,
Auditors

Jan. 21, 1955

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1954

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| DEBITS: | Tax sales on account of levies of | | |
| | 1953 | 1952 | Prev. Yrs. |
| Taxes sold during current year | \$ 622.06 | | |
| Bal. unredeemed taxes, Jan. 1, 1954 | | \$ 294.43 | \$ 9.35 |
| Interest collected after sale | 1.44 | 9.60 | 3.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total Debits | \$ 623.50 | \$ 304.03 | \$ 12.35 |

CREDITS:

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Remittances to treas. during year | \$ 123.99 | \$ 297.43 | \$ 12.35 |
| Unredeemed taxes, Dec. 31, 1954 | 499.51 | 6.60 | |

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Total Credits | \$ 623.50 | \$ 304.03 | \$ 12.35 |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|

Unredeemed taxes from tax sales on account of levies of:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|
| | 1953 | 1952 |
| Baker, Joseph | \$ 148.11 | |
| Baker, William M. | 6.62 | |
| Drake, Howard | 57.83 | |
| Martz, Hayden L. | 94.68 | |
| Sullivan, James H. | 148.11 | |
| Suloway, G. W. & Lucette L. | 44.16 | |
| Woodward, Wesley | | \$ 6.60 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 499.51 | \$ 6.60 |

DOROTHY M. HEATH,

Tax Collector

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,
ROY K. SARGENT,
Auditors

Jan. 21, 1955

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1954 | \$ 5,221.97 |
| Received of Tax Collector: | |
| 1952 redemptions | 287.83 |
| 1953 yield taxes | 1,071.85 |
| 1953 interest | 250.50 |
| 1953 poll taxes | 94.00 |
| 1953 redemptions | 122.55 |
| 1953 property taxes | 5,856.69 |
| 1952 interest | 9.60 |
| 1949 redemptions | 9.35 |
| 1953 abatements | 29.42 |
| 1953 land bought for taxes | 556.14 |
| 1953 head taxes | 235.00 |
| 1953 head tax penalties | 23.50 |
| 1954 property taxes | 21,148.46 |
| 1954 poll taxes | 328.00 |
| 1954 interest | .34 |
| 1954 abatements | 66.40 |
| 1954 yield taxes | 390.84 |
| 1954 head taxes | 1,080.00 |
| 1954 head tax penalties | 5.00 |
| 1949 interest | 3.00 |
| Received of Town Clerk: | |
| 1953 auto permits | 13.52 |
| 1954 auto permits | 1,669.68 |
| 1954 filing fees | 6.00 |
| 1954 dog tax | 226.00 |
| Dog tax penalties | 13.00 |
| Balance due on 1953 auto permits | .70 |

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Received of Selectmen | 15,052.98 |
| Total Receipts during year | <u>\$ 53,772.32</u> |
| Less Selectmen's orders paid | <u>46,413.35</u> |
| Cash on hand January 1, 1955 | \$ 7,358.97 |

STEPHEN J. FORD, Treasurer.

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,
ROY K. SARGENT,
Auditors

Jan. 21, 1955

TOWN OF DANBURY

RECEIPTS AND

 RECEIPTS
Current Revenue:**From local taxes collected & remitted to treasurer:**

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Property taxes, 1954 | \$ 21,138.46 |
| Poll taxes, 1954, reg. @ \$2 | 328.00 |
| Nat'l bank stock taxes, 1954 | 10.00 |
| Yield taxes, 1954 | 390.84 |
| State head taxes, 1954, @ \$5 | 1,080.00 |
| Total Current Year's Taxes | <hr/> |
| collected and remitted | \$ 22,947.30 |
| Property & yield taxes—previous years | 6,928.54 |
| Poll taxes—previous yrs.—reg. @ \$2 | 94.00 |
| State head taxes @ \$5—previous years | 241.00 |
| Interest received on taxes | 263.44 |
| Penalties on state head taxes | 22.50 |
| Tax sales redeemed | 419.73 |

From State:

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| For Class V highway maintenance | 3,504.95 |
| Interest and dividends tax | 537.30 |
| Railroad tax | 577.67 |
| Savings Bank tax | 131.15 |
| Fighting forest fires | 8.24 |
| Bounties | 99.75 |
| Reim. a/c Old Age Assistance | 20.76 |

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

| | |
|--|----------|
| Dog licenses | 226.00 |
| Business licenses, permits and filing fees | 8.50 |
| Fines and forfeits, municipal court | 20.63 |
| Reg. of motor vehicles, 1953 permits | 12.82 |
| Reg. of motor vehicles, 1954 permits | 1,670.38 |

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Total Current Revenue Receipts | \$ 37,734.66 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|

(Receipts carried to Page 28)

PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1954

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Town officers' salaries | \$ 996.80 |
| Town officers' expenses | 736.50 |
| Election & registration expenses | 201.03 |
| Exp., town hall & other bldgs | 109.51 |

Protection of Persons and Property:

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Police department | 106.99 |
| Fire dept., including forest fires | 512.40 |
| Blister Rust | 200.00 |
| Bounties | 200.50 |
| Insurance | 243.25 |

Health:

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| Vital statistics | 7.00 |
| Town dump | 111.07 |

Highways and Bridges:

| | |
|---------------|--------|
| Town Road Aid | 771.06 |
|---------------|--------|

Town maintenance —

| | | |
|--------|-------------|----------|
| Summer | \$ 3,546.58 | |
| Winter | 1,634.63 | |
| | | 5,181.21 |

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| Street lighting | 757.02 |
|-----------------|--------|

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| General exp., highway department | 2,416.08 |
|----------------------------------|----------|

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| Library: | 150.00 |
|-----------------|--------|

Public Welfare:

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Old Age Assistance | 1,722.30 |
|--------------------|----------|

| | |
|-----------|-------|
| Town poor | 56.22 |
|-----------|-------|

Patriotic Purposes:

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Memorial Day & vets assoc. | 75.00 |
|----------------------------|-------|

Public Service Enterprises:

| | |
|------------|--------|
| Cemeteries | 211.33 |
|------------|--------|

(Payments carried to Page 29)

TOWN OF DANBURY

RECEIPTS AND

(Receipts brought from Page 26)

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Temp. loans in anticipation of taxes dur. yr. | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Refunds | 4.22 |
| Sale of town property | 125.01 |
| Dog license penalties | 13.00 |
| Refund from R.R. (forest fire) | 21.50 |
| Abatements | 95.82 |
| Land bought for taxes | 556.14 |
| Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue | <hr/> \$ 10,815.69 <hr/> |
| Total Receipts from All Sources | \$ 48,550.35 |
| Cash on hand January 1, 1954 | 5,221.97 |
| Grand Total | <hr/> \$ 53,772.32 <hr/> |

PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1954

(Payments brought from Page 27)

Unclassified:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Damages & legal exp. | \$ 10.26 | |
| Town clerk fees | 172.90 | |
| | | 183.16 |
| Taxes bought by town | | 622.06 |
| Discounts, abatements & refunds | | 105.82 |
| Employees' ret. & social security | | 273.13 |
| Total Current Maintenance Exp. | | \$ 15,949.44 |

Interest:

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Paid on temporary loans | \$ 232.64 | |
| Bank service charge | 5.35 | |
| Total Interest Payments | | \$ 237.99 |

Outlay for New Equipment:

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Truck | \$ 2,186.00 | |
| Total Outlay Payments | | \$ 2,186.00 |

Indebtedness:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Payments on temporary loans | \$ 11,000.00 | |
| Total Indebtedness Payments | | \$ 11,000.00 |

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

| | | |
|------------------|-----------|--|
| Internal revenue | \$ 356.26 | |
|------------------|-----------|--|

State head taxes paid State Treas. —

| | | |
|-------------|-----------|----------|
| 1954 taxes | \$ 427.50 | |
| Prior years | 724.50 | |
| | | 1,152.00 |

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Taxes paid to County | 2,238.09 |
|----------------------|----------|

Payments to School Districts —

| | | |
|----------|-------------|-----------|
| 1953 tax | \$ 8,793.57 | |
| 1954 tax | 4,500.00 | |
| | | 13,293.57 |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Total payments to other gov. div. | \$ 17,039.92 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Total Payments for all Purposes | \$ 46,413.35 |
|---------------------------------|--------------|

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1954 | 7,358.97 |
|----------------------------|----------|

| | |
|-------------|--------------|
| Grand Total | \$ 53,772.32 |
|-------------|--------------|

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Fred G. Hopper (bal. 1953 salary) | \$ 73.92 |
| Fred G. Hopper, 1954 salary | 73.50 |
| Clinton F. Huntoon | 244.12 |
| Harry O. Swett | 247.94 |
| Roy K. Sargent | 15.00 |
| Ray J. Martin | 15.00 |
| Dorothy M. Heath | 147.00 |
| Lawrence Curren, moderator | 23.52 |
| Raymond E. Gardner | 78.40 |
| Stephen J. Ford | 78.40 |

\$ 996.80

Town Officers' Expenses:

| | |
|---|---------|
| Assoc. of N. H. Assessors | \$ 3.00 |
| R. E. Gardner, postage, etc. | 3.00 |
| Harry O. Swett, postage, mileage, telephone | 83.15 |
| Lawrence Curren | 4.25 |
| Fannie B. Martin, copying invoice | 15.00 |
| Enterprise Press, town reports | 246.00 |
| Brown & Saltmarsh, office supplies | 43.14 |
| John C. Ray, town officers' bonds | 59.50 |
| Fred G. Hopper, postage, mileage, telephone | 68.60 |
| N.H. Tax Collectors' Assoc., dues | 3.00 |
| Wheeler & Clark, office supplies | 13.85 |
| U.S. Truck & Auto Guide | 14.50 |
| C. R. Hardy, town clerks' assoc., dues | 2.00 |
| Sargent Bros., tax bills | 13.55 |
| Dorothy M. Heath, postage, mileage, etc. | 128.67 |
| Clinton F. Huntoon, postage, mileage, telephone | 21.65 |

\$ 722.86

Election & Registration:

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Roy K. Sargent | \$ 23.64 |
| Lawrence Curren | 6.00 |

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Journal Transcript, printing ballots | 15.00 |
| Brown & Saltmarsh | 6.23 |
| Frank Clews | 35.52 |
| Lawrence E. Ford | 49.00 |
| Harriet L. Ford, typing check list | 24.00 |
| Myrtie B. Ford | 18.00 |
| Stephen J. Ford | 17.64 |
| Eugene Allen | 6.00 |

\$ 201.03

Town Hall & Other Town Buildings:

| | |
|---|----------|
| Public Service Co. of N.H., electric bill | \$ 44.14 |
| Clarence Fowler, janitor | 5.00 |
| R. E. Gardner, glass | .60 |
| Maxwell Gordon, wood | 27.00 |
| Roland Libby, wiring town garage | 39.07 |
| L. E. Ford, repairs | 3.67 |
| R. K. Sargent, repairs | 3.67 |

\$ 123.15

Police Department:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Lawrence Curren | \$ 72.00 |
| Brewsters Store, hardware | 28.50 |
| C. P. Stevens, steel tape | 6.49 |

\$ 106.99

Volunteer Fire Department:

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 1953 appropriation | \$ 500.00 |
|--------------------|-----------|

Forest Fire:

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| C. C. Morrison | \$ 12.40 |
|----------------|----------|

Blister Rust Control:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Treasurer, State of New Hampshire | \$ 200.00 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|

Bounties:

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Harry O. Swett | \$ 71.00 |
| Clinton F. Huntoon | 129.00 |

\$ 200.50

Insurance:

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| John C. Ray | \$ 92.00 |
| Farm Bureau Mutual Ins. | 125.00 |
| Arthur W. Jewett | 26.25 |

\$ 243.25

Vital Statistics:

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| Raymond E. Gardner | \$ 7.00 |
|--------------------|---------|

Town Dump:

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Clarence E. Ford, dozer | \$ 62.00 |
| Sylvester Pulver | 40.07 |
| Clarence Fowler | 9.00 |

\$ 111.07

Town Road Aid:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Treasurer, State of New Hampshire | \$ 771.06 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Town Maintenance , incl. Smith bridge | \$ 5,181.21 |
|--|-------------|

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Gen'l Exp. of Highway Dept. , incl. Smith br. | \$ 2,416.08 |
|--|-------------|

Library:

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Harriet G. Morrison | \$ 150.00 |
|---------------------|-----------|

Old Age Assistance:

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Treasurer, State of N.H. | \$ 1,722.30 |
|--------------------------|-------------|

Town Poor:

| | |
|--|----------|
| Drs. & medicines, W. Arthur Batchelder | \$ 29.13 |
|--|----------|

| | |
|---|-------|
| R. E. Gardner, groceries, Hazel Lombard | 27.09 |
|---|-------|

\$ 56.22

Street Lighting:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Public Service Co. of N. H. | \$ 757.02 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|

Memorial Day:

| | |
|--|----------|
| Lee Knapp Post No. 96, American Legion | \$ 75.00 |
|--|----------|

Cemeteries:

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Clarence A. Fowler | \$ 149.48 |
| Sylvester Pulver | 17.15 |
| Hazen Lumber Co. | 5.60 |
| O. C. Hastings Co. | 39.10 |

\$ 211.33

Legal Expenses:

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Katherine Crowley, conveyance | \$ 10.26 |
| R. E. Gardner, town clerk fees | 172.90 |

\$ 183.16

Taxes Bought by Town:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Dorothy M. Heath, tax collector | \$ 622.06 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|

Abatements:

| | |
|------------------|-----------|
| Dorothy M. Heath | \$ 105.82 |
|------------------|-----------|

Social Security:

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Treasurer, State of N. H. | \$ 273.13 |
|---------------------------|-----------|

Interest on Temporary Loans:

| | |
|---|-----------|
| First National Bank of Bristol | \$ 232.64 |
| First Nat'l Bank of Bristol, service charge | 5.35 |

\$ 237.99

New G.M.C. truck chassis:

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Bartlett Auto Co. | \$ 2,186.00 |
|-------------------|-------------|

Payment on Temporary Loans:

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| First National Bank of Bristol | \$ 11,000.00 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|

Withholding Tax:

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Director of Internal Revenue, Portsmouth | \$ 356.26 |
|--|-----------|

Head Taxes:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Treasurer, State of N.H., 1953 levy | \$ 724.50 |
| Treasurer, State of N.H., 1954 levy | 427.50 |

\$ 1,152.00

County Tax:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Donald G. Rainie, Treasurer | \$ 2,238.09 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|

School District:

Arlene Chellis, treas., bal 1953 appro. \$ 8,793.57

Arlene Chellis, treas., part 1954 appro. 4,500.00

\$ 13,293.57**Total Payments:**

\$ 46,413.35

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1954

7,358.97

Grand Total

\$ 53,772.32

GEORGE GAMBLE LIBRARY

Report of the Library Trustees for the year ending December 31, 1954

Receipts:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance on hand January 1, 1954 | \$ 12.79 |
| Amount reserved for books ordered | 20.00 |
| Town Treasurer, 1954 appropriation | 150.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 182.79 |

Payments:

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Almeda Wiggin, librarian | \$ 44.00 |
| Andrew Phelps, care of lawn | 3.00 |
| Bert Hillsgrove, care of lawn | 2.50 |
| Roger Rollins, care of lawn | 4.50 |
| Ester Phelps, cleaning library | 10.00 |
| Public Service Co., lights | 21.00 |
| Arthur W. Jewett, repairs | 29.35 |
| C. C. Morrison, repairs | 2.00 |
| H. M. Hastings, supplies | 7.30 |
| Goodman's Book Store, books | 23.55 |
| Readers Digest, books | 11.98 |
| Horace M. Hastings, books | 6.00 |
| Postage and supplies | 1.03 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 166.21 |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Balance on hand December 31, 1954 | \$ 16.58 |
|-----------------------------------|----------|

Patrons—42

Circulation—715

The Library has been painted on the exterior the past year as it was badly in need of it not having been done since it was built in 1911.

We expect our expenses will be about the same next year and recommend the same amount be raised at the next March meeting.

RUTH K. PHELPS,
GLADYS W. TWOMEY,
HARRIET G. MORRISON,
Trustees

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Winter & Spring Maintenance

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Len Sargent | \$ 174.00 |
| Clark Gray | 312.00 |
| Reginald Wiggin | 237.00 |
| Myrl Phelps | 40.00 |
| Hayden Martz | 116.25 |
| Donald Wiggin | 147.00 |
| Clyde Dicey | 7.00 |
| Ray Russell | 56.00 |
| Gardner Peckham | 20.00 |
| Lewis Littlefield | 74.00 |
| Spencer Ford | 58.00 |
| Clarence Ford | 64.00 |
| Gifford Wiggin | 240.90 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 1,546.15 |

Summer Maintenance

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Gifford Wiggin | \$ 622.30 |
| Clark Gray | 544.00 |
| Reginald Wiggin | 235.00 |
| Lewis Littlefield | 126.00 |
| Clarence Fowler | 93.00 |
| Alfred Lachance | 48.00 |
| Alvin Currier | 253.80 |
| Willard Huntoon | 279.00 |
| Donald Wiggin | 5.00 |
| Raymond Martin | 68.50 |
| Helen Hatch | 16.80 |
| Roger Rollins | 35.00 |
| Florence Bean | 60.40 |
| Len Sargent | 4.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 2,390.80 |

Bean Bridge (Smith River Bridge)

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Gifford Wiggin | \$ 149.60 |
| Roy Sargent | 40.00 |
| L. E. Ford | 40.00 |
| Len Sargent | 8.00 |
| R. P. Johnson & Son | 40.64 |
| Stakleker Steel Co. | 379.37 |
| Walter Russell | 53.00 |
| Lewis Littlefield | 68.00 |
| Clark Gray | 60.00 |
| Clinton Huntoon | 19.45 |
| C. A. Dorval | 41.65 |
| Sanal Auto Parts | 6.30 |
| Thompson & Hoague | 1.00 |
| Gardner Peckham | 4.70 |
| Hammond Bros. | 16.00 |
| M. F. Braley | 180.00 |
| Myrl Phelps | 1.50 |
| Mohoney's Garage | 36.00 |
| Harry Swett | 5.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 1,149.21 |

Fall & Winter Maintenance

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Gifford Wiggin | \$ 562.10 |
| Clark Gray | 306.00 |
| Lewis Littlefield | 195.00 |
| Dorothy Heath, gravel | 19.00 |
| Raymond Martin, gravel | 6.80 |
| Sylvester Pulver | 191.00 |
| Clarence Fowler | 53.00 |
| Len Sargent | 25.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 1,357.90 |

GIFFORD N. WIGGIN,
Road Agent

DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**Treasurer's Report for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1954****Receipts:**

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance Jan. 1, 1954 | \$ 255.97 |
| Town appropriation | 500.00 |
| Donation drawing | 338.00 |
| Interest Bristol Savings Bank | 12.07 |
| Total Receipts | <hr/> \$ 1,106.04 |

Expenses:

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Eastern Fire Equip. Co., | |
| 3 pr. Cardwell mitts | \$ 15.55 |
| 10 gals. foam comp. | 45.00 |
| Pyrene equipment | 55.00 |
| 1 hose adapter | 3.50 |
| Express & insurance | 2.57 |
| Sanel Auto Parts Co., truck parts | 10.70 |
| Truck flashers & lights | 13.76 |
| C. A. Carr, fuel oil | 163.68 |
| R. E. Gardner, gas | 15.55 |
| Meeting expenses | 4.71 |
| Cairns & Bro., sec'y record book | 6.44 |
| Newfound Print Shop, tickets | 28.00 |
| C. P. Stevens, 2 doz. chairs | 84.00 |
| O. C. Hastings, flashlights & batteries | 9.07 |
| Oil for fire trucks | 5.80 |
| Anti freeze | 1.80 |
| Community Garage, truck battery | 13.54 |
| Fred's Auto Service, 6 keys | 1.50 |
| Amer. Fire Equip. Co., 24 badges | 60.49 |
| John C. Ray, group insurance | 157.50 |
| Total Expenses | <hr/> \$ 698.16 |
| Balance | <hr/> \$ 407.88 |

By Donation:

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Community Garage, estimate value | \$ 6.10 |
|----------------------------------|---------|

Treasurer's Certificate

I certify that this is a true and correct report of the treasurer's records for the year ending Dec. 31, 1954.

FRANK CLEWS, Treasurer.

DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

And so ends the eighth year of faithful service of your Fire Department organized to serve you in February 1947. Not only has the membership of interested volunteer firemen increased, but also your fire fighting equipment continues to improve. This, due to the efforts and careful study of the staff of all officers and members, who are ever ready to give their time and effort in their voluntary services, for your protection and security.

The retirement of Clarence Ford, as Chief, after having served in this office for over six years, is most worthy of mention, and is deserving of a vote of thanks by everyone. Due to his profound interest, and untiring efforts, much can be attributed to the advancement and present day standing of your Fire Department. Chief Ford will serve as an advisor, he having gained a vast amount of experience, in his past duties, and his knowledge will at all times be most welcome.

The management, and operation of maintaining a fully equipped, and reasonably efficient Fire Department is no small task. This necessitates the purchase of various items of needed equipment for the advanced improvement of your department. This is only done after careful study by the Commissioners and Officers. Through the efforts and your consideration in subscribing to the monthly donation drawings, has it been possible to meet the added expense and to achieve constant progress. For your kind patronage, may we extend our sincere thanks.

The subscribed amount, for maintaining your Fire Department appropriated by the town each year is of vital importance, for which we are very grateful and without which the department could not exist. This amount is required to meet three governing factors, and therefore requires the raising of funds of almost equal proportion to continue in our maintenance of a department of which both members and residents can be proud. To all Committees both past and present may we offer our sincere thanks, for the faithful service you have afforded the department to the raising of these funds. May your progress continue.

ELMER GRACE, Fire Chief
FRED G. HOPPER,
RAY J. MARTIN,
SYLVESTER C. PULVER,
Commissioners

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Danbury, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

| DATE OF CREATION | NAME OF TRUST FUND | PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND | HOW INVESTED | Amount of Principal | Rate of Int. | Bal. of Income on hand at Beginning of Year | Income During Year | Expended During Year | Bal. of Income on Hand at End of Year |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| SHEET I | | | | | | | | | |
| 1916 | Isaac Sanborn | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | \$25.00 | | \$1.74 | \$.76 | \$.50 | \$2.00 |
| 1916 | Curtice | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 200.00 | | | 6.05 | 1.30 | 4.75 |
| 1949 | Winter | Cemetery | Loan and Trust Savings Bank | 200.00 | | | 6.02 | 1.30 | 4.72 |
| 1949 | Peoples | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 103.92 | | 22.64 | 3.13 | 6.10 | 19.67 |
| 1949 | Annette J. Traver | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 50.00 | | 4.98 | 1.50 | 1.40 | 5.08 |
| 1949 | Lydia Lickfield | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 200.00 | | | 6.05 | 1.30 | 4.75 |
| 1949 | Lydia Lickfield | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 25.00 | | | .76 | .20 | .56 |
| 1949 | Leland E. Heath | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 100.00 | | | 3.02 | .65 | 2.37 |
| 1949 | Elbridge A. Wells | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 50.00 | | | 1.52 | .35 | 1.17 |
| 1949 | Mary E. Taylor | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | 50.00 | | 7.56 | 1.52 | 1.90 | 7.18 |
| 1949 | Fred L. Clark | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | 50.00 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | \$36.92 | \$30.33 | \$15.00 | \$52.35 |
| SHEET II | | | | | | | | | |
| 1916 | Appleton Walker | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | \$50.00 | | | \$1.50 | \$1.50 | \$1.50 |
| 1916 | Converse | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 50.00 | | | .76 | .76 | 1.50 |
| 1916 | Sarah Bean | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 25.00 | | | 1.50 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| 1923 | John Langley | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 50.00 | | | 1.50 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| 1923 | Mary G. Sleeper | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | 100.00 | | | 3.02 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| 1925 | Cyrus B. Jones | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 100.00 | | | 3.02 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| 1929 | George F. Sleeper | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 100.00 | | | 3.02 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| 1930 | N. A. Sleeper - Woltcott | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | 100.00 | | | 3.02 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| 1930 | Oliver J. Wilkins | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | 50.00 | | | 1.51 | 1.51 | 1.51 |
| 1930 | Hannah Wiggin | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 50.00 | | | 1.51 | 1.51 | 1.51 |
| 1933 | Voluna Kilton | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 200.00 | | | 6.05 | 3.00 | 3.05 |
| 1935 | John V. Ford | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 50.00 | | | 1.50 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| 1935 | Flora O. Medska | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 25.00 | | | .76 | .76 | 3.02 |
| 1936 | Julious B. Hale | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 100.00 | | | 3.02 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| 1941 | Clara A. Walker | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | 200.00 | | | 6.05 | 3.00 | 3.05 |
| 1941 | N. E. Wilkins | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | 200.00 | | | 6.05 | 2.75 | 3.30 |
| 1944 | Fred B. Braley | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 100.00 | | | 3.02 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| 1949 | J. Olyn Ford | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 100.00 | | | 3.02 | 3.02 | 3.02 |
| 1949 | Alice A. Sewall | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 50.00 | | | 1.50 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| 1953 | George W. Peasley | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | 50.00 | | | 18.00 | 51.25 | .50 |
| 1953 | Contributions, South Danbury Cemetery | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | 25.00 | | | .13 | .13 | .13 |
| 1954 | Jenness Fund | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | | | \$33.25 | | | |
| 1954 | Eastman and Kenerson | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | \$33.25 | \$71.46 | \$60.00 | \$44.71 |

SHEET III

| 1916 | Memorial for Soldiers' — | Graves | Bristol Savings Bank | \$5.14 | | \$3.02 | \$3.00 | \$3.02 |
|--------|-------------------------------|----------|--|--------|--|----------|----------|----------|
| 1916 | Litchfield | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 100.00 | | 5.00 | 1.25 | 5.90 |
| 1922 | Capt. Samuel Gardner | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 100.00 | | 5.49 | 1.65 | 5.90 |
| 1923 | Forester R. Emmons | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 300.00 | | 42.52 | 12.71 | 46.36 |
| 1930 | Alice E. Dracley | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 150.00 | | 17.97 | 20.83 | 26.09 |
| 1933 | Lorenzo M. Heath | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 50.00 | | 3.58 | 3.07 | 6.32 |
| 1934 | Samuel Haskins | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 50.00 | | 3.32 | 1.50 | 3.80 |
| 1937 | Dexter J. Perkins | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | 50.00 | | 4.40 | 1.68 | 4.88 |
| 1939 | Charles A. Martin | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 100.00 | | 6.53 | 3.20 | 6.90 |
| 1944 | Allice R. Adams | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | 100.00 | | 10.97 | 3.02 | 3.16 |
| 1945 | Austin A. Drake | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | 100.00 | | 13.25 | 3.11 | 3.94 |
| 1948 | Hattie E. Huntton | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | 100.00 | | 2.77 | 3.18 | 3.50 |
| 1950 | Mary E. Dexter | Cemetery | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 100.00 | | 3.07 | 1.97 | 4.02 |
| 1951 | Warren A. Powers | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | 100.00 | | 3.66 | 1.35 | 5.33 |
| 1951 | Parsonage | Churches | Loan and Trust Savings Bank | 300.00 | | 9.06 | 9.06 | .25 |
| 1950 | Hattie B. Langley School Fund | Churches | N R Stock Paid direct to School District | 100.00 | | .25 | | .25 |
| 1951 | Stephen E. Hollinsbee | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | 50.00 | | 10.43 | 5.43 | 5.00 |
| 1954 | Currie L. Heath | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | 200.00 | | \$83.16 | \$84.74 | \$117.07 |
| 1954 | Hurt and Edna Dean | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | | | 36.92 | 30.33 | 52.25 |
| 1954 | | Cemetery | Franklin Savings Bank | | | 33.25 | 71.46 | 44.71 |
| TOTALS | | | | | | \$153.33 | \$220.44 | \$159.74 |
| | | | | | | | | \$214.03 |

Audited and Approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,

ROY K. SARGENT,

Auditors of Danbury.

January 21, 1955

Jan. 12, 1955

ARTHUR W. JEWETT,
CLARENCE E. FORD,
ROBERT FORD, Trustees

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DANBURY

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

District Officers

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Earl W. Lund | Moderator |
| Dorothy Heath | Clerk |
| Arlene Chellis | Treasurer |
| Ray J. Martin | Auditor |

School Board

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Roy K. Sargent | Term expires 1955 |
| David Armstrong | Term expires 1956 |
| Edna Powers | Term expires 1957 |

Teachers

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| Gladys Twomey | Elmwood |
| Annie Thompson | South |
| Gladys Cooper | Center |

Attendance Officer

Roy K. Sargent

Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

School Nurse

Ellen F. Williams, R. N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1955 - 56

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Open Sept. 7 (Wed.) | Close Dec. 21 (Wed. 12:30) |
| Open Jan. 3 (Tues.) | Close Feb. 17 |
| Open Feb. 27 | Close April 20 |
| Open April 30 | Close June 13 (Wed.) |
| Days out: Nov. 24, 25; May 30. Close 12:30 Nov. 23, Dec. 21. | |

Total number of days required by State Board is 180 including three for institutes and conventions, and up to five for workshops.

Pupils must enter the first grade if six by Sept. 30 and may enter if six before January 1.

Vaccination is required by state law unless child has written excuse from doctor.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF
School Treasurer and School Board
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954
Treasurer's Report**

Summary:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Cash on hand July 1, 1953 | \$ 10.41 |
| Rec. from selectmen, cur. appro. | \$ 12,793.57 |
| Rec. from state treas., state aid | 6,795.41 |
| Rec. from trust funds | 48.00 |
| Rec. from all other sources | 70.05 |
| Total Receipts | 19,707.03 |
| Total amount available for fiscal year | 19,717.44 |
| Less school board orders paid | 19,321.21 |
| Balance on hand June 30, 1954 | \$ 396.23 |

ARLENE CHELLIS, Treasurer

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Danbury of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and find them correct in all respects.

RAY J. MARTIN, Auditor

School Board's Report

Receipts:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| From selectmen, appropriation | \$ 12,793.57 |
| From state treas., state aid | 6,795.41 |
| From trust funds | 48.00 |
| From Supt. Union No. 4, refund on Supt's & Nurse's sal. | 70.05 |
| Total Receipts | 19,707.03 |
| Balance on hand June 30, 1953 | 10.41 |
| Grand Total | \$ 19,717.44 |

Detailed Statement of Payments

Salaries of District Officers:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Edna Powers, school board | \$ 50.00 | |
| David Armstrong, school board | 50.00 | |
| Roy K. Sargent, school board | 50.00 | |
| Arlene Chellis, treasurer's salary | 25.00 | |
| | | ----- \$ 175.00 |

Superintendent's salary:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Supervisory Union No. 4 | \$ 360.04 |
|-------------------------|-----------|

Truant officer & school census:

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Roy K. Sargent | \$ 15.00 |
|----------------|----------|

Expenses of administration:

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------------|
| Supervisory Union No. 4, clerk and office expense | \$ 169.55 | |
| The Enterprise Press, programs | 7.00 | |
| First Nat'l Bank, service charge | 2.80 | |
| Edson C. Eastman Co., treas.'s book | 10.35 | |
| Edna Powers, postage | 3.19 | |
| David Armstrong, postage | 4.90 | |
| N.H. Sch. Bd.'s Assoc., dues | 3.00 | |
| Arlene Chellis, postage | 7.77 | |
| | | ----- \$ 208.56 |

Teachers' salaries:

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Gladys Cooper | \$ 1,688.00 | |
| Huldah Currier | 359.99 | |
| Gladys Twomey | 1,664.20 | |
| N.H. Teachers Ret. Sys. | 553.58 | |
| Director of Internal Revenue | 776.60 | |
| Audrey Curren | 55.00 | |
| Annie Thompson | 1,293.88 | |
| | | ----- \$ 6,391.25 |

Textbooks:

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Scott, Foresman & Co. | \$ 19.44 |
| Charles Scribner's Sons | 12.83 |
| L. W. Singer Co. | 70.32 |
| Houghton Mifflin Co. | 120.59 |

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| American Education Publications | 5.50 | |
| Beckley-Cardy Co. | 3.51 | |
| Row, Peterson & Co. | 10.37 | |
| The John C. Winston Co. | 5.40 | |
| World Book Co. | 16.58 | |
| The Macmillan Co. | 4.70 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 269.24 |

Scholars' supplies:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Beckley-Cardy Co. | \$ 7.50 | |
| Houghton Mifflin Co. | 99.66 | |
| Ginn & Co. | 14.95 | |
| Webster Publishing Co. | 49.74 | |
| American Book Co. | 6.91 | |
| The Continental Press | 1.10 | |
| Milton Bradley Co. | 5.00 | |
| Scott, Foresman & Co. | 15.32 | |
| Silver Burdett Co. | 3.85 | |
| Row, Peterson & Co. | 21.40 | |
| American Education Publications | 22.70 | |
| Cascade Paper Co. | 62.27 | |
| W. G. McCrillis | 2.54 | |
| Cardigan Sport Store | .85 | |
| Supervisory Union No. 4 | 9.96 | |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 44.76 | |
| The John C. Winston Co. | 8.50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 367.01 |

Other Expenses of Instruction:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Ira Zer Allen | \$ 8.20 | |
| Martin & Murray Co. | 20.90 | |
| Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc. | 4.95 | |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 6.05 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 40.10 |

Janitor Service:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Esther Phelps, cleaning | \$ 20.00 |
| Dorothy Ford, cleaning | 8.00 |
| Gertrude Smart, janitor | 50.00 |
| Jessie Wolfenden, janitor | 20.00 |

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Ruth Phelps, janitor | 50.00 | |
| Annie Thompson, janitor | 30.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 178.00 |
| Fuel: | | |
| Charles A. Carr Co. | | \$ 417.28 |
| Water, Light & Janitor Supplies: | | |
| Public Service Co. of N.H. | \$ 90.10 | |
| Allan H. Murray | 3.74 | |
| Beckley-Cardy Co. | 2.95 | |
| L. M. Smith | 4.99 | |
| West Disinfecting Co. | 24.35 | |
| Mobeco, Inc. | 195.31 | |
| L. E. Ford | 11.25 | |
| C. C. Morrison | 17.40 | |
| Roy K. Sargent | 7.98 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 358.07 |
| Minor Repairs & expenses: | | |
| James A. Fifield | \$ 15.00 | |
| Harry Houghton | 31.05 | |
| Community Garage of Danbury | 1.50 | |
| L. E. Ford | 59.62 | |
| O. C. Hastings & Co. | 28.69 | |
| Roy K. Sargent | 82.18 | |
| Beckley-Cardy Co. | 44.09 | |
| Greenwood Plumbing Co. | 17.50 | |
| E. J. Keegan & Co. | 4.05 | |
| Arlene Chellis | 8.40 | |
| Gardner Peckham | 1.48 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 293.56 |
| Medical Inspection: | | |
| Supervisory Union No. 4, | | |
| nurse's salary | \$ 204.62 | |
| O. C. Hastings & Co. | .88 | |
| W. G. McCrillis | 2.62 | |
| Ellen F. Williams, mileage to clinics | 6.08 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 214.20 |

Transportation of pupils:

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| J. Frank DesRoches | \$ 3,684.92 | |
| Eric Fay | 178.00 | |
| Eugene Cook | 233.96 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 4,096.88 |

High School tuition:

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Lebanon School District | \$ 520.00 | |
| Bristol School District | 1,897.46 | |
| Andover School District | 2,587.50 | |
| Hopkinton School District | 225.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 5,229.96 |

Per Capita Tax:

| | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| State Treasurer | \$ 224.00 |
|-----------------|-----------|

Insurance and other fixed charges:

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Arthur W. Jewett | \$ 29.17 |
|------------------|----------|

Retirement:

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| N.H. Teachers Ret. System | \$ 426.57 | |
| Supervisory Union No. 4, nurse & supt. | 27.32 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 453.89 |

| | | |
|----------------|-------|--------------|
| Total Payments | <hr/> | \$ 19,321.21 |
|----------------|-------|--------------|

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

EDNA F. POWERS,
ROY K. SARGENT,
DAVID ARMSTRONG,
School Board.

GENERAL STATISTICS

| 1953-54 | Enrollment by Grades | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|----------------------|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Grade | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Total |
| All schools | 8 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 5 | 16 | 76 |
| 1954-55 | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 24 | | | | | | | | | |
| Elmwood | 10 | 5 | | | | | | | 15 |
| South | | | 6 | 8 | 10 | | | | 24 |
| Center | | | | | | 10 | 10 | 4 | 24 |
| | <hr/> | | | | | | | | <hr/> |
| Totals | 10 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 4 | 63 |

District Totals

| 1953-54 | Av. Att. | Av. Abs. | Av. Memb. | % Attend. |
|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| All schools | 66.7 | 2.9 | 69.6 | 95.8 |
| 1954-55 | | | | |
| Dec. 24 | | | | |
| Elmwood | 14.8 | .2 | 15. | 98.5 |
| South | 21.9 | .6 | 22.5 | 97.3 |
| Center | 23.6 | .3 | 23.9 | 98.6 |
| | <hr/> | | | |
| Totals | 60.3 | 1.1 | 61.4 | 98.2 |

Tuition Pupils 1954 - 55

Andover High School — Rate \$245.00

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| Richard Cook | Grade 9 |
| John Ford | 9 |
| Regina Glines | 9 |
| Edwina Phelps | 9 |
| Eleanor Smith | 9 |
| Merrill Wentworth | 9 |
| Germaine Wolfenden | 9 |
| Jessie Wolfenden | 9 |
| Edna Hill | 11 |
| Graham Hill | 11 |
| Andrew Phelps | 11 |
| Leora Sargent | 11 |
| Melvin Heath | 12 |
| Daniel Walker | 12 |

Bristol High School — Rate \$300.00

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Sandra Long | Grade 9 |
| Constance St. Lawrence | 9 |
| Roger Jewell | 9 |
| Bruce Armstrong | 10 |
| Roy Chellis | 10 |
| Joan Tibbetts | 10 |
| Dorothy Perkins | 12 |

Lebanon High School — Rate \$275.00

| | |
|-------------|----------|
| Marion Ford | Grade 11 |
| Merle Ford | 12 |

Hopkinton High School — Rate \$275.00

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Bernice Clark | Grade 10 |
|---------------|----------|

Franklin High School — Rate \$290.00

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Josephine Kelly (Part of year) | Grade 9 |
|--------------------------------|---------|

SUPERVISORY UNION No. 4 BUDGET 1953-54

| District | \$2 Per Capita to State | *Supt's | | | Supt's | | Totals |
|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | Salary | Travel | Office C'mv'm't'n | Sec'y | Nurse | |
| Alexandria | \$ 138.00 | \$191.42 | \$58.90 | \$22.09 | \$103.08 | \$119.10 | \$500.48 |
| Bridgewater | 86.00 | 215.80 | 66.40 | 24.90 | 116.20 | 122.60 | 552.54 |
| Bristol | 510.00 | 1198.92 | 368.90 | 138.31 | 645.58 | 798.52 | 3187.15 |
| Camden | 618.00 | 897.98 | 276.30 | 103.61 | 27.62 | 483.52 | 2423.06 |
| Danbury | 224.00 | 247.64 | 76.20 | 98.58 | 133.35 | 170.77 | 664.16 |
| Gratton | 168.00 | 227.82 | 70.10 | 26.29 | 122.67 | 118.88 | 602.77 |
| Groton | 36.00 | 48.80 | 20.40 | 11.40 | 52.20 | 78.29 | 196.84 |
| Hebron | 30.00 | 110.06 | 43.40 | 16.27 | 75.95 | 359.31 | 558.06 |
| Orange | 50.00 | 50.36 | 9.40 | 3.52 | 16.45 | 14.96 | 75.83 |
| Totals | \$1860.00 | \$3250.00 | \$1000.00 | \$375.00 | \$1750.00 | \$2087.14 | \$8562.14 |
| Received from State | \$2750.00 | \$2750.00 | | | | | |

* The State increased its share from \$2275 to \$2750 making refunds totalling \$475 to the districts on supt's salary. Hence these figures, which are net, will not reconcile with detailed statements representing gross payments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

We quite often see articles in newspapers and magazines written by nationally syndicated columnists "panning" education and "telling" educators what ought to be done. Simply because one becomes an authority in the field of politics, foreign affairs, farm subsidies, or even football, does not qualify one as an expert in all things. The expert on what can be done in an ungraded rural school is to be found in an ungraded rural school; the expert on what can be done in a small high school is to be found in the small high school. These columnist experts are unacquainted with the "educational facts of life" and will remain so until such time as they actually spend a year, more or less, in an actual situation teaching the pupils themselves. Of course **they can not afford** to do this and a quick, superficial survey plus a few interviews and a posed picture or two must be the basis of material for an expression of opinion. Unfortunate it is that their opinions are so widely read, and believed. Now all of us in the educational field can improve our work and have the potential of always doing a better job. Much remains to be discovered and learned in the field of human conduct, but for a college president or a noted columnist to write that **all** pupils in high school should have a couple of years of Latin, or three years of college preparatory mathematics is too absurd to merit additional space. Our pupils must be taught to read current publications with the proverbial grain of salt. Freedom of the press is not license, and carries on its shoulders the greatest of responsibilities.

Once again we enter a legislative year with political leaders of both parties pledged to no new sources of tax revenue which simply means that the local property tax will continue to bear the major part of increased costs of

educating our children. Even granting the possibility of a stable economy, costs of education will increase where: 1) There are significant increases in the school population; 2) There is need of extensive remodeling or new buildings; 3) Where new educational offerings become necessary; 4) Where there is competition for teachers. There is an old, and elementary, law to be found in any high school economics text book that where there is a limited supply and an increasing demand for a commodity the price will increase. Numerically there will be a shortage of teachers for many years ahead; qualitatively speaking there is always a shortage. Teachers have the benefit now of being in the driver's seat of a "selling market". Until such time as state aid becomes available in sufficient quantity to absorb these increasing costs the local property owner will pay the bill. Only when this condition has been met will state aid, in still larger quantities, be of any great value in lessening the burden on the property owner. If you, as a property owner, are willing to absorb these costs there is, and will be, no need of new taxes; if you really want tax relief new sources of revenue are necessary, in the opinion of the writer. To say that it doesn't make any difference because the consumer pays the bill anyway is to overlook the fact that different people consume different things, and all consumers in the State of New Hampshire do not live here "the year round" nor do they all own property! There are several towns in this union which could well use several times the aid now being received. Other towns can not have modern buildings until special building aid is allocated from a higher level, either state or federal. What do you want for your children? Are you willing to "pay the freight" on present tax basis? These are the vital questions. The squeaky wheel gets the grease. Legislators have sensitive ears!

Danbury residents should watch with great care the legislative halls of Concord this year. There seems to be

no answer to Danbury's outmoded buildings other than material aid from some source other than property tax; at least there seems to be no other answer to me. I firmly believe the failure to solve such problems at the state level is a black mark against our civilization for which there is no acceptable excuse in "this day and age." Any attempts to aid districts, such as Danbury, by increased state aid or new building aid should have your wholehearted and very active support.

Danbury teachers are among the lowest paid in the state. We are fortunate to have any teachers at all in our schools in view of the national picture. The increase in the budget for these teachers is the very minimum which should be considered. The average beginning salary of the graduates from P.T.C. last year was \$2850. New graduates do not choose to teach in small, rural schools!

Respectfully submitted,

C. MAURICE GRAY

Superintendent of Schools

COMPARATIVE BUDGETS

| | Expend. 1953-54 | Budget 1954-55 | Est. Bdgt 1955-56 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| ADMINISTRATION | | | |
| Salaries of district officers | \$ 190.00 | \$ 195.00 | \$ 195.00 |
| Supt's salary | 283.84 | 281.78 | 263.89 |
| Tax for state wide supervision | 224.00 | 226.00 | 208.00 |
| Salaries of admin. personnel | 133.35 | 135.10 | 144.60 |
| Supplies and expenses | 151.41 | 235.00 | 250.00 |
| INSTRUCTION | | | |
| Teachers' salaries | 6,391.25 | 7,000.00 | 7,300.00 |
| Books and other aids | 269.24 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| Scholars' supplies | 347.16 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| Supplies and other expenses | 59.95 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT | | | |
| Salary of janitor | 178.00 | 150.00 | 240.00 |
| Fuel or heat | 417.28 | 375.00 | 400.00 |
| Water, light, supplies & exp. | 358.07 | 150.00 | 200.00 |
| MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT | | | |
| Repairs & replacements | 293.56 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Health supervision | 214.20 | 127.04 | 137.27 |
| Transportation of pupils | 4,096.88 | 4,106.00 | 4,286.00 |
| Tuition, high school | 5,229.96 | 7,500.00 | 6,900.00 |
| FIXED CHARGES | | | |
| Retirement | 453.89 | 500.00 | 510.00 |
| Insurance, treas. bonds & exp. | 29.17 | 41.67 | 47.00 |
| Contingency fund | | 200.00 | 300.00 |
| <hr/> | | | |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 19,321.21 | \$ 21,972.59 | \$ 22,131.76 |

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE

1955 - 1956

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Estimated Balance | \$600.00 |
| Trust Funds | 48.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Other Than Property Taxes | \$ 648.00 |
| DISTRICT ASSESSMENT | 21,483.76 |
| | <hr/> |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATION | \$ 22,131.76 |

BIRTHS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

| Date and Place of Birth | Name of Child (if any) | Sex | Cond. | Name of Father | Maiden Name of Mother of Parents | Birthplace Father | Birthplace Mother |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----|-------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1954 | | | | | | | |
| June 21 Franklin | Joseph Charles M | L | | Donald G Wiggins | Phyllis M Thies | Danbury New Hamp | New York |
| Aug. 7 New London | Robert Marvin M | L | | Gerrard S Frank | Annette J Altman | Danbury New York | Mass |
| Sept. 6 Franklin | Michael Carl M | L | | Carl C Dicey | Bernice B Lombard | Danbury New Hamp | New Hamp |
| Sept. 17 New London | Linda Eugenia F | L | | Leonard Sargent Jr | Louise F Rollins | Danbury Danbury | Grafton |
| Nov. 29 Franklin | Gail Marie F | L | | Ray A Russell | Maizie L Bacon | Danbury Vermont | New Hamp |

MARRIAGES REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

| Date and Place of Marriage | Name and Surname of Groom and Bride | Residence | Age | Occupation of Groom & Bride | Place of Birth of Each | Names of Parents | Name, Residence and Official Station of Person By Whom Married |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|---|
| Feb. 20 | Carl C Dicey | Danbury | 23 | Lumbering | Nashua | Joseph P Dicey Jennie Cate | Rev. E Lincoln Bigelow Methodist Clergyman Union Village Vt |
| Oct. 2 | Fred G Hopper | Danbury | 71 | Retired | New Jersey | Andrew Hopper Anna Ward | Rev W C Blankenship R C Priest New London |
| Oct. 12 | Nelson E Townsend | Danbury | 22 | US Navy | New Jersey | James Buckley Elizabeth Quackenbush Townsend | Rev E L Matthews Baptist Minister Bristol |
| | Florence E Hazelton | Bristol | 16 | Dish Washer | Reading Mass | Edna Ransville Jason Hazelton Florence R Hicks | |

DEATHS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

| Date and Place of Death | Name and Surname of the Deceased | Age Y M D | Place of Birth | Condition | Name of Father | Maiden Name of Mother |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1954 | | | | | | |
| Apr. 29 Concord | Ralph J Hopps | 59 | Conway | Married | John Hopps | Maud Boyce |
| June 29 New London | Alice R Adams | 92 | Danbury | Widowed | Robert Ford | Mary Towle |
| July 21 Danbury | Abbie L Bailey | 92 | P Q | Widowed | Copp | Not Known |
| Sept. 14 Danbury | Carrie J Shaw | 82 | Danbury | Widowed | G Harlan Jackson | Loretta Currier |
| Nov. 11 Manchester | Michael C Dacey | 2 | Manchester | Single | Carl C Dacey | Bernice E Lombard |
| Dec. 13 Danbury | Samuel M Frazier | 83 | Danbury | Married | John Frazier | Mary O Frazier |

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

RAYMOND E. GARDNER, Town Clerk

